



Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

Event Name	Arlington Gas Well Incident
Date	April 12, 2015
Time	1400
Operational Period	April 12, 2015
Report Number	#1

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	Region 1
DDC's Active	4- Hurst

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

On the afternoon on Saturday April 11, 2015 at 2:53 PM the well operator of Vantage Energy contacted Arlington 9-1-1 to report a gas well breach during a fracking operation. The cause appeared to be due to flow back of pressurized fracking water. Arlington Fire Department (FD) responded at 2:58 PM and a joint command post was established at 3300 block of Little Road in Arlington. The City of Arlington Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated at 5:00 PM and will remain operational until the issue is resolved. As a precaution, a mandatory evacuation area around the well site 1/8 of a mile was initiated.

At 8:00 PM on Saturday evening, Vantage Energy attempted to control the well by injecting mud into the well. The well control effort was not successful. The Arlington FD is maintaining an emergency scene control perimeter to keep the local area safe. As of 12:00 AM Sunday, no gas release has occurred. At 4:00 AM Sunday morning, Boots & Coots (well control company) attempted to re-plug the gas well, but was unsuccessful in their attempt. Boots & Coots is bringing in additional well control equipment to the scene. A new control effort plan has been developed. At 8:00 AM Sunday morning Boots & Coots, Vantage Energy, and Arlington FD will work together to begin a new well control effort. As of 10:00 AM Sunday morning, no gas release has occurred.

The current evacuation plan remains in effect, unless a determination is made to increase the evacuation perimeter based on well site information. The City of Arlington has opened a Resident Information Center to assist people living near the site of the gas well incident in

Legend

- Road Evacuation
- 1/8 Mile Area
- Evacuation Parcels

LABC

Parcel Evac 1/8 Mile LABC Site

0 125 250 500 Feet

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Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): The Disaster District (DDC) is monitoring the situation and is prepared to provide assistance if requested. Texas Division of Emergency Management Regional State Coordinator 1 and District Coordinator are also monitoring the situation and maintaining contact with the City of Arlington and Tarrant County.

American Red Cross (ARC): The ARC is working with the city and is prepared to assist as needed.

FINAL COMMENTS: The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed. The SOC is at Activation Level IV (Normal Conditions).

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at: www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.

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